



First Sergeant Anibal Matos was born in Detroit, Michigan on September 21<sup>st</sup> 1965. He graduated from John F. Kennedy High School, Taylor, Michigan and enlisted in the United States Army in Detroit, Michigan on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 1983 as a fire support specialist. He received Basic and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He graduated with his Bachelor of Science in Business Management (Magna Cum Laude) in 2005 from the University of Mary.

His first assignment was with the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 82<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery 1st Cavalry Division, Ft Hood, Texas. His other assignments were with the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion 29<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery, 8<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Baumholder, Germany, 3rd Battalion 320 Field Artillery 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne/ Air Assault Division, Ft Campbell, Kentucky, and the 8th Infantry Division Noncommissioned Officers Academy, Ft Polk, Louisiana.

He was selected for recruiting duty in 1990. He was initially assigned to the Allen Oaks Recruiting Station, Detroit Recruiting Battalion, as a field recruiter. After serving three years in recruiting, he was assigned to the 8<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Noncommissioned Officers Academy, Ft Polk, LA, as an instructor and senior instructor for the Primary Leadership Development Course. He returned to recruiting in 1995 and was assigned to the Great Lakes Recruiting Battalion as an on-production station commander in Petoskey, Michigan. He also served as a limited-production station commander in Flint, Michigan for the Burton Recruiting Station.

Jones graduated *Distinguished Honor Graduate* from the U.S. Army Guidance Counselor Course in 2000 and was assigned as a guidance counselor for the Lansing Military Entrance Processing Station, Lansing Michigan. Upon promotion to master sergeant, he was assigned as the senior guidance counselor for Fargo Military Entrance Processing Station, Fargo, North Dakota from August 2002 to September 2005.

His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal with 11 Oak Leaf Clusters, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Overseas Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Air Assault and Drivers Badge, the Recruiter Ring and is the recipient of the prestigious Glen E. Morrell Award.